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SUBJECT: CCD: 731ST PLENARY MEETING, FEBRUARY 24, 1977

1. SUMMARY: THE 731ST PLENARY SESSION OF THE CCD CONVENED
MORNING OF FEB 24. STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY FOUR DELEGATIONS:
IRAN MADE STATEMENT ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES, CTB, CW, MDW,
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NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONES; CANADA MADE STATEMENT ON
PROCEDURAL REVIEW; BULGARIA MADE GENERAL STATEMENT STRESSING
IMPORTANCE OF FOCUSING CCD'S EFFORTS ON CTB, MDW, AND CW;
AND ROMANIA MADE STATEMENT ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES, CTB,
AND NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONES. END SUMMARY.

2. IRANIAN REP (FARTASH) WAS "ENCOURAGED" BY INDICATIONS

OF MORE SERIOUS INTENTION ON PART OF US AND USSR RE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW). SAID HE WOULD STUDY THE SOVIET DRAFT TREATY ON CTB CLOSELY BEFORE MAKING COMMENTS AND THAT PARTICIPATION OF ALL NUCLEAR POWERS SHOULD NOT BE A PREREQUISITE FOR CONCLUSION OF A CTB. IRANIAN REP HOPED INFORMAL MEETINGS ON MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW) WOULD ENABLE CCD TO DETERMINE "WHETHER AND HOW" IT SHOULD "TACKLE THE PROBLEM." TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO SET FORTH IRANIAN VIEWS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONES AND LINKED EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT FREE ZONES WITH NPT OBLIGATIONS. IRANIAN REP FAVORED MAKING PROCEDURAL REFORMS ADOPTED BY CCD IN THE PAST FEW YEARS PERMANENT AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DISCUSSION OF COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM WOULD BE CARRIED ON OUTSIDE PLENARY SESSIONS WHERE MORE IMPORTANT DISARMAMENT ISSUES SHOULD BE DEBATED.

3. CANADIAN REP (JAY) ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO PROCEDURAL ISSUES AFTER STATING THAT CANADA SAW CONCLUSION OF A CTB AS CCD'S MOST PRESSING PROBLEM AND COMMENDING SWEDEN'S EFFORTS IN THE AREA OF CTB; SUPPORTED ITALIAN PROPOSAL FOR WORKING GROUP ON CW AND INDIAN VIEW THAT NO CHANGE BE SUGGESTED WHICH WOULD "DETRACT FROM OR WEAKEN" CCD. RE WORKING GROUPS, CANADIAN REP PREFERRED AD HOC APPROACH TO ESTABLISHING SUCH GROUPS RATHER THAN PERMANENT WORKING GROUP PROPOSED BY MEXICO. CANADIAN REP STOOD BY CONSENSUS VOTING, SUPPORTED UK PROPOSAL TO EXPAND CCD'S TREATY NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO INCLUDE PARTICIPATION OF INTERESTED UN MEMBER STATES NOT MEMBERS OF CCD, AND EXPRESSED CANADIAN VIEW THAT ANY "GROUP APPROACH" (READ BLOC) TO SELECTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF CHAIRMAN (MEXICAN PROPOSAL OF FEB 15 CCD) WAS UNACCEPTABLE IN THAT IT DID NOT TREAT "EACH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY" AS A "SOVEREIGN UNIT."

4. BULGARIAN REP (NIKOLOV) MADE GENERAL, STANDARD "SOCIALIST" LINE STATEMENT LISTING THE MANY DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS PRESENTED BY THE "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" WHICH HAD BEEN "REJECTED" BY THE WEST. STRESSED CTB, CW AND MDW AND CALLED FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION OF THESE ISSUES BY CCD. REITERATED SOVIET STANCE RE CTB, STATING NECESSITY OF PARTICIPATION OF "ALL FIVE NUCLEAR STATES" IN A CTB AND PUBLICLY BLASTED PRC FOR DETONATING EXPLOSION IN ATMOSPHERE.

5. ROMANIAN REP (ENE), AFTER LAMENTING "MEAGER" DISARMAMENT RESULTS OF CCD, SAID HE SAW ROLE FOR CCD IN CTB NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT SOVIET DRAFT TREATY WOULD BE "EXAMINED" WITH "ALL DUE ATTENTION". SUPPORTED CREATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONES AND AVAILABILITY OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS (PNES) FOR ALL NATIONS. ROMANIAN REP EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF

NIGERIAN PROPOSAL ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM AND
PROMISED TO HAVE MORE TO SAY ON PROCEDURES AT SOME LATER TIME.

6. INTERVENTIONS WERE MADE BY REPS OF MEXICO AND US.
MEXICAN REP (GARCIA-ROBLES) TOOK FLOOR TO RESPOND TO
CANADIAN REP'S REPROACH OF MEXICAN PROPOSAL AND SAID,
"IN HIS OPINION", IT DID NOT "VIOLATE" THE SOVEREIGNTY
OF INDIVIDUAL STATES AND POINTED OUT THAT A SIMILAR
PROCEDURE WAS USED BY UN. US REP (MEYERS) PROTESTED
ROMANIAN REP'S CHARGE THAT "MEAGER" ADVANCES HAD BEEN
MADE BY CCD. US REP LISTED SOME PAST ACHIEVEMENTS OF
CCD (I.E., NPT, SEABEDS, UNMOD, BWC); EXPRESSED VIEW THAT
SUCH RESULTS COULD HARDLY BE CALLED "MEAGER," AND
HOPED CCD COULD CONCENTRATE ON PRACTICAL PRIORITY TOPICS,
RATHER THAN LARGE NUMBER OF FAR-RANGING ONES.

7. AFTER PLENARY SESSION FEB 24, MEMBER OF NETHERLANDS
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DEL (MEERBURG) INFORMED USDEL THAT THE HAGUE HAD DECIDED
TO SEND EXPERT TO MDW MEETINGS SCHEDULED TO START MAR 14.

8. NEXT PLENARY MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MORNING, MARCH 1.
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